

Illinois Commerce Commission
Pipeline Safety
Field Trip Report

Operator: NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS CO.	Operator ID#: 13710
Exit Meeting Contact: (Not Applicable)	Total Man Days: 0
Pipeline Safety Representative(s): Jim Watts	
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Inspection Summary

Inspection Type	Location	ICC Analyst	Inspection Unit(s)	Man Day(s)	Inspection Date(s)	Contact(s)
Compliance Follow-Up	ICC Headquarters	Jim Watts	TRANSMISSION - G.O.	0	1/3/2013	

Statement of Activities

Nicor submitted their initial response to the outstanding NOA on May 22, 2012, that indicates they have completed the request to add a date to the document identified as Appendix 1-A in the Transmission Integrity Management Plan (TIMP) for Identification of "Identified Sites". They have also added to the Gas Quality section of the TIMP to review the input points on the transmission system on an annual basis to ensure there are no new points where gas is being accepted into the Nicor Transmission system. If new points are identified, Nicor shall conduct a review to ensure they are receiving gas quality reports from the supplier on a monthly basis.

Nicor has determined the piping within the two storage field compressor stations located at Troy Grove and Ancona Storage Facilities are a High Consequence Area (HCA). Nicor has completed the required inspections by December of 2012 and will review the results when received from the contractors who performed the External Corrosion Direct Assessment (ECDA)/ Close Interval Survey (CIS) and guided wave inspections.

Nicor reviewed the Station 100 tap on the Nicor Dubuque 22 inch transmission pipeline and determined that they receive gas from the supplier's pipeline prior to the gas being compressed at that location. Due to the gas being taken prior to being compressed, receiving higher than normal temperature gas is not a factor for stress cracking corrosion.

Initially in May of 2012, Nicor responded to Staff's request with the process utilized to identify a class 4 location. Nicor indicated that a minimum percentage of 50 percent of the total building footprint within a boundary of 660 feet from the centerline of a transmission must be covered by buildings with 4 or more stories within a 1 mile segment of the pipeline to constitute a class four location. Staff had requested that Nicor indicate where or how they established this procedure as it does not appear to meet the intent of the class location requirements defined in 192.5. On January 3, 2013, Staff received an email response from Nicor indicating during the annual O&M review conducted in December 2012, Nicor aligned their procedures for defining class locations with Atlanta Gas and Light's (AGL's) current procedures. This changed the process currently utilized by Nicor to establish a class four location. Nicor is no longer utilizing the building footprint method but is now utilizing building count of structures with 4 or more stories to establish a class four location. Nicor provided Staff with a copy of the revised procedure defining the procedure change and Staff is in agreement with the revised procedure. The TIMP will be revised to reflect the procedure change and as soon as this is completed Nicor is to provide Staff with a revised copy of the plan. Due to these findings the outstanding NOA can be closed.

ISSUE(S) FOUND:

NO ISSUES FOUND.

ISSUE(S) CORRECTED:

NO ISSUES CORRECTED.

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NOTICE OF AMENDMENT(S) FOUND:

NO NOAs FOUND.

NOA(S) CORRECTED:

2012-A1-00014 - Nicor informed Staff on January 3, 2013, that during the O&M review conducted in December of 2012, Nicor aligned their procedures for defining Class Locations with AGL's current procedures. This changed the process currently utilized by Nicor to establish a class four location. Nicor is no longer utilizing the building footprint method but is now utilizing building count to establish a Class Four Location. Nicor provided Staff with a copy of the revised procedure defining the procedure change. The TIMP will be revised to reflect the change and as soon as this is completed Nicor is to provide Staff with a revised copy of the plan. Due to these findings the outstanding NOA can be closed.

NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION(S) FOUND:

NO NOPVs FOUND.

NOPV(S) CORRECTED:

NO NOPVs CORRECTED.